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351. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether INSAT-IC is to be launched as scheduled in July 1986;

(b) for what purpose this Statellite is proposed to be utilised;

(c) whether these are the same as those of INSAT-IV; and

(d) if not, in what respects the services rendered by INSAT-IC are likely to be different from those of INSAT-IV?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir. At present, readiness of INSAT-IC after completion of system-level acceptance testing is projected slightly ahead of the stipulated schedule of January 31, 1986. It is manifested for launch by US-NASA Space Shuttle flight No. 61-M, which is presently scheduled for mid-July 1986 with a nominal launch date of July 15, 1986.

(b) and (c) Functionally, INSAT-IC is identical to INSAT-IB. At least initially it will be used as an on-orbit active spare. As an active spare satellite, it will be used to derive additional telecommuncations and TV programme distribution services.

(d) Does not arise.

Indo-Pak Ministerial level talks

352. SHRI F. M. KHAN:
SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sub-Commissions of the Indo-Pak Ministerial Commission had talks in Delhi recently to improve bilateral relations between the two countries; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and what is the number of agreements signed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) An agreement on Cooperation in Agricultural Research was signed. In addition, amongst others the following decisions were taken at the meeting:—(i) consideration of the draft text for a Cultural Agreement, (ii) waiver of the requirement of police reporting in respect of bonafide businessmen and holders of transit visas, (iii) finalisation of through railway booking facilities between designated railway stations with effect from 1st Oct., 1985; (iv) agreement on setting up of a working group for cooperation in the field of planning, to be preceded by a seminar in Islamabad on the same subject, (v) agreement on exchange of information to check the illegal trafficking in narcotics; and (vi) exchange of radio correspondents.

Industries violating pollution laws

353. PROF. C. LASHMANNA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of industries not complying with the provisions of pollution laws;

(b) the measures taken by Government to effectively enforce the laws; and

(c) the number of prosecutions launched against the managements for violating the laws and causing health hazards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI VIR SEN): (a) Out of 4109 polluting industries in the lar-

ge and medium sector, 2143 units have not yet set up effluent treatment plants as required under the law.

(b) The measures taken by the Government include the following:

(i) Minimum national standards have been evolved in respect of various types of polluting industries and phased programme has been launched for their implementation;

(ii) Emission limits for air polluting industries have been prescribed;

(iii) Air pollution control areas have been declared;

(iv) Financial incentives are given to industries for installation and satisfactory performance of pollution control equipment; and

(v) Tax concessions are given for shifting of polluting industries from congested areas.

(c) Prosecutions have been launched against 515 industrial units for violation of laws.

Transistor bomb explosions in the Captal

354. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI:
SHRI F. M. KHAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons killed/injured and loss of property due to transistor bomb explosions in the capital during the last three months;

(b) the number of persons arrested in this connection and the action taken against the culprits; and

(c) whether any enquiry has been conducted, if so, what are its findings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) 49 persons were killed and 49 persons were injured in the Union Territory of Delhi in the bomb blasts during the past three months. The property worth Rs. 29,000 was lost in the blasts.

(b) 51 persons were arrested in connection with these blasts. The cases are pending investigation. On completion of the investigation, charge sheets will be filed against the accused persons in appropriate courts.

(c) No, Sir. No separate inquiry was ordered or conducted into these cases.

Restrictions on visits to Taj during nights

355. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:
SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have put any restrictions on visits to the Taj in moon lit nights; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) No, Sir, except entry into the underground cenotaph chamber.

Deployment of sky marshals or trained commandos in air flights

356. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:
SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to depute sky marshals or trained commandos in the flights of IA and AI to prevent highjacking; and